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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR - JOINT USAID/EMBASSY RESPONSE

REF STATE 270245

EMBASSY/USAID COMMENTS:

1. COLGATE-PALMOLIVE, NAIROBI, SENDS "DENTAL HEALTH VANS" TO RURAL AREAS TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLCHILDREN ON DENTAL CARE. FROM TIME TO TIME DENTIST ACCOMPANIES AND GIVES FREE EXAMINATIONS. COLGATE HAS ALSO DONATED A METAL SHOP TO LOCAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND PROVIDES ABOUT ONE ACRE OF LAND ON COMPANY GROUNDS ON WHICH EMPLOYEES CAN GROW VEGETABLES FOR THEIR OWN USE IN SPARE TIME.

2. COCA-COLA, NAIROBI, PAYS FEES, ETC. FOR SCHOOLING OF SELECTED KENYA PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS. COMPANY ALSO AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL SECRETARIAL SCHOOL FOR NUMBER OF KENYA WOMEN, LATER EMPLOYING SOME OF THEM. COMPANY HAS ALSO SENT ONE NURSE TO ATLANTA FOR TRAINING AS NURSE.

3. CPC (KENYA) LTD., NAIROBI, SENDS ITS QUALITY CONTROL CHEMIST TO ELDORET TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ON PART TIME BASIS, TO ASSIST SCHOOL IN IMPROVING ITS LABORATORY.

4. AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE CO., NAIROBI, HAS SCHOLARSHIPS

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AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEE'S CHILDREN TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN U.S.  
OR ELSEWHERE.

5. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, MOST LARGE COMPANIES CONTRIBUTE ON SPORADIC OR REGULAR BASIS TO SEVERAL OF THE MULTITUDE OF LOCAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND SELF-HELP PROJECTS.

6. SOME COMPANIES HAVE EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFIT PLANS WHICH GO CONSIDERABLY BEYOND KENYA LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. MOST IF NOT ALL NECESSARILY PROVIDE ON THE JOB TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES, AND COMPANIES VIEW THIS UPGRADING OF WORKER SKILLS AS DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION. MANY COMPANIES ALSO SPONSOR ATHLETIC TEAMS AND ALL-KENYA ATHLETIC EVENTS. KENYA GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES NATIONAL ATHLETICS AS POSITIVE FORCE FOR NATION-BUILDING AND IS DULY APPRECIATIVE.

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